GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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P.I. LS ON SUPER BAZAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of public interest litigations on the Super Bazar, Delhi have been filed in the Delhi High Court so far giving the PIL-wise details of matters taken up therein and their present status :

(b) whether the Government are causing impediment in the quick disposal of PILs and the Central Registrar is delaying the completion of the investigation;

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay;

(d) the steps the Government propose to take to expedite the submission of the investigation report by the Central Registrar;

(e) whether the Super Bazar is on the threshold of closure as all its finances have been misappropriated; and

(f) if so, the steps taken up to improve the misdeeds going on in the Super Bazar?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) The Super Bazar, Delhi has informed thatat present two public interest litigations (PIL) have been filed in Delhi High Court against them. Further, in both these petitions some shareholders have raised issues relating to illegal actions and irregularities committed in Super Bazar particularly in the award of contract for the construction of multistoried building at Rajendra Place by the former Chairman of Super Bazar and also matters relating to the election of the Board of Directors. The Delhi High Court has directed the management of Super Bazar, Delhi to conduct the elections of Board of Directors as per rules.

(b) to (d): The Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies (CRCS) have ordered an inquiry under the provisions of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 to inquire in to the alleged irregularities in the affairs of the Cooperative Store Ltd. (Super Bazar) on 1.7.99, exercising the powers under Section 69 of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984. However during last 10 months, three enquiry officers have been changed due to administrative reasons. The last Enquiry Officer was appointed on 31.1.2000 to complete the enquiry. The report of the Enquiry Officer has not yet been received.

(e) & (f): Super Bazar is presently in the grip of an acute financial crisis. Some cases of irregularities in Super Bazarhave been referred to CBI for investigation. No specific date has been indicated for the completion of their investigation. The Vigilance Department of the Super Bazar is also taking appropriate action against irregularities in the functioning of Super Bazar.